

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO  
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JUANA HERRERA, et al.,

5 Plaintiffs,

6 v.

CIVIL NO. 98-1926 (RLA)

7 PEDRO TOLEDO DAVILA, et al.,

8 Defendants.

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11 **MINUTES OF STATUS/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**  
12 **HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2003**

13 At the STATUS/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE held on August 28, 2003  
14 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. plaintiffs were represented by JUDITH  
15 BERKAN, ESQ. and MARY JO MENDEZ, ESQ. Defendants' attorney, NELSON  
16 N. CORDOVA MORALES, ESQ. requested additional time to ascertain  
17 whether he would represent all five remaining defendants in this case  
18 or if additional counsel would be designated by the Puerto Rico  
19 Department of Justice. Accordingly, MR. CORDOVA MORALES shall advise  
20 the court, **no later than September 15, 2003**, whether or not the law  
21 firm of LLOVET, ZURINAGA & LOPEZ will appear as sole counsel in these  
22 proceedings. In the event that any of the named defendants is  
23 assigned separate representation they shall enter their appearance **no**  
24 **later than October 1, 2003.**

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3 Counsel for defendants mentioned the possibility of a conflict  
4 of calendar with the trial date and suggested a 60 day postponement  
5 which was vehemently opposed by plaintiffs. This request was denied.  
6 Current and as well as any future counsel are forewarned that the  
7 trial date of **February 17, 2004** is firm.

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8 MR. CORDOVA MORALES is further ORDERED to notify the court **no**  
9 **later than September 15, 2003** whether any of the individual  
10 defendants is currently residing outside of Puerto Rico and/or will  
11 not be present at trial.

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12 Plaintiffs shall submit a proposed order to assist them in their  
13 efforts to procure a visa for plaintiff ROSA HERRERA to attend trial.

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15 Plaintiffs expect to present some videotaped depositions during  
16 trial. They shall contact the Clerk of the Court prior to trial to  
ensure that the necessary equipment is available in court.

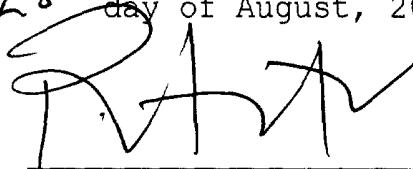
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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19 San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 28 day of August, 2003.

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RAYMOND L. ACOSTA  
United States District Judge

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